



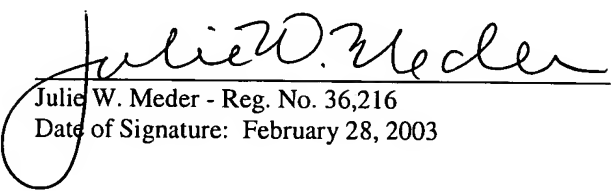
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby application of) Examiner: Lynne R. Edmondson
Israel Stol et al.) Group Art Unit 1725
Serial No. 10/025,402) Attorney Docket No. 00-2521
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AMENDMENT

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Sir,

In response to the Office Action, dated December 2, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed are proposed drawing changes to Figs. 5, 7f, and 9d.